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H. R. 909

To amend title 35, United States Code, to direct the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to adjust fees charged by the Office so that the fees collected in any fiscal year will equal, to the greatest extent practicable, the amount appropriated to the Office for that fiscal year.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

Mr. ROHRBACHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PATENT FEES.**

4 (a) ADJUSTMENT OF PATENT FEES.—Section 42 of
5 title 35, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
6 end the following new subsection:

1 “(f) Notwithstanding the fees prescribed under sub-
2 sections (a), (b), and (d) of section 41, and notwith-
3 standing section 41(f) of this title and section 31 of the
4 Trademark Act of 1946, the Director shall adjust the fees
5 charged by the Office in each fiscal year so that the
6 amount of fees collected by the Office in that fiscal year
7 will equal, to the greatest extent practicable, the amount
8 of funds appropriated to the Office for that fiscal year.”.

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